



Lyman Allyn

Book of the Month

What is your winter?

Inspired by the winter themes, our corresponding art project is to create your own ideal winter landscape. Even if winter isn't your favorite season, beauty can still be found during the cold and darker months. Think about when the land is covered in freshly fallen snow, the plows haven't started and everything feels still. Take time to really look at the bare trees awaiting spring for new leaves. Follow the trunk and branches to take in abstract lines and patterns they create against a blue grey sky.

Your location will also determine what your ideal winter landscape looks like. The winter described above does not apply to all regions of the country or world. A winter for you may not include any snow but rather slightly cooler days still paired with a warm sun. Some individuals dream of a winter wonderland after having moved away from that climate or having never experienced it at all. Others seek winter refuge in warmer climates where they can soak in the sunshine without also battling below freezing temperatures.

There is no preference for what material you use to create your landscape. Your choice may be determined by what material you are most comfortable with or one you think will best fit your perfect winter landscape. We love to see the range in styles and approaches individuals take when given one of our art prompts. When you're done, be sure to share your creation with us using #LymanAllynAtHome.



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Written and illustrated by Jessie Sima, "Snow Kid" brings young readers into the world of Twig, a snow person on a journey of self-discovery.

Older readers will dive into Colm Tóibín's short story "A Long Winter," a beautiful story of grief and love within a family.

